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1. Vietnam

Moscow and Peiping in their propaganda have refrained thus far from reacting directly to the strike on the missile sites. However, today the Soviet Government paper Izvestia claimed that the "mass raid on densely populated areas yesterday" was "widening the war."

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2. South Vietnam

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3. President's Statement

First reactions to the President's press conference are beginning to come in. Members of the Soviet mission at the Geneva disarmament talks have predicted that the President's decision to send more troops would have "grave consequences" and make the negotiations "much more difficult."

Official circles in London and Paris are declining comment for the present.

4. Greece

The outlook is murky as the political struggle moves toward a climax.

The ruling Center Union Party is scheduled to caucus tomorrow prior to the reopening of parliament Friday. No clear favorite has emerged among the three main contenders--Novas, Stephanopoulos, and Papandreou.

The Novas government has handled itself well, but it does not seem to have attracted the needed votes. Stephanopoulos is still a possible compromise candidate but has been wishy-washy in standing up to Papandreou. The latter has managed to hang on to significant backing through a mixture of threats and cajolery.

However the party decision goes, the parliamentary session that follows promises to be a stormy one with good chances for disturbances both on the floor and in the streets.

Meanwhile, the political crisis is further aggravating strains on the always shaky Greek economy.

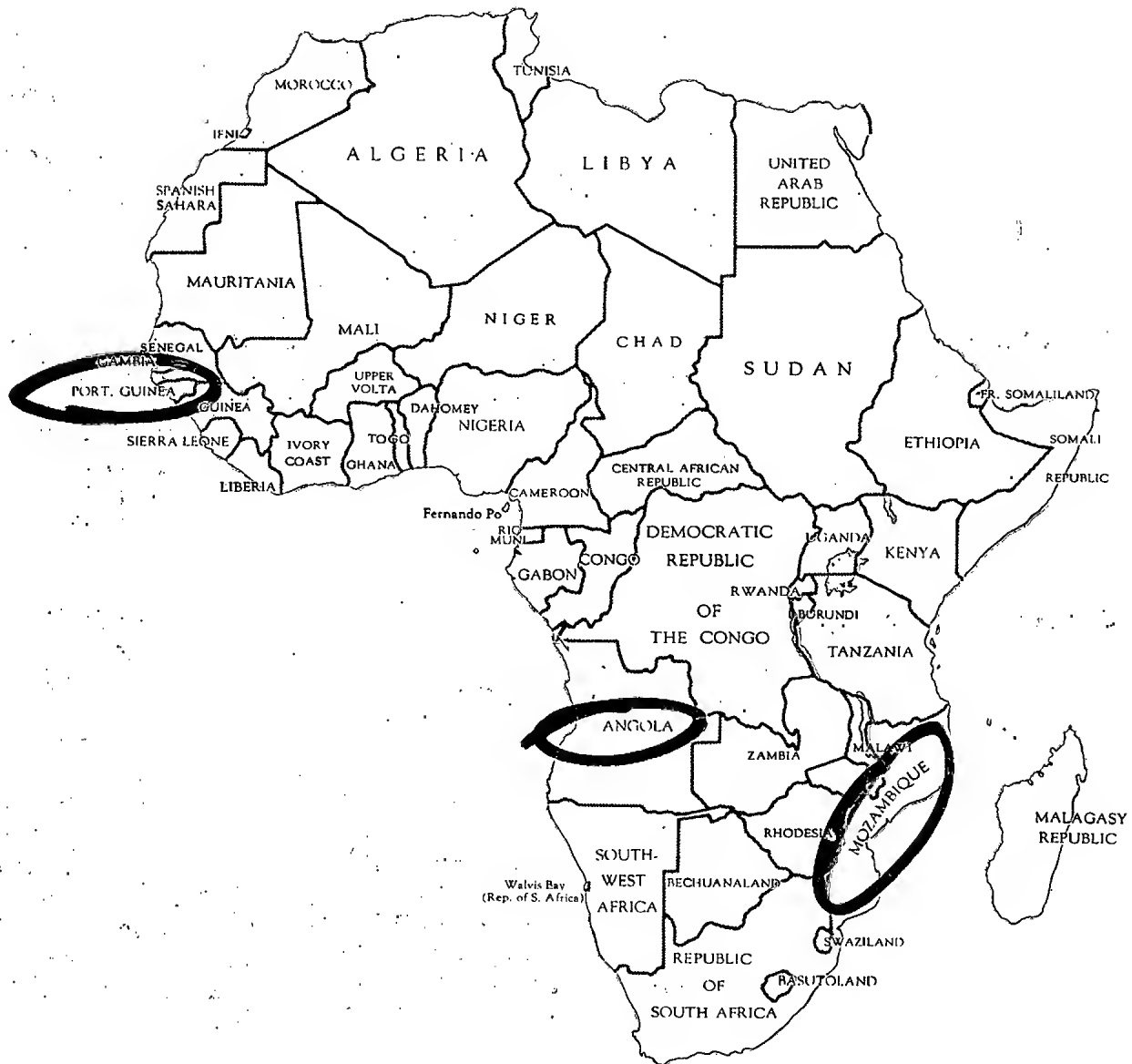
5. Cyprus

There has been a rise, slight as yet, in communal tensions on Cyprus.

Part of this is due to President Makarios' recent action in amending the Cypriot election law to take away special rights previously given Turkish Cypriots.

US officials in Nicosia suspect that Makarios, under looser rein from Athens these days, may make more moves against the Turkish community.

The Turkish Government faces a general election in early October, which raises the possibility of a strong reaction should Makarios press too hard.



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6. Portugal

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The cabinet in Lisbon has decided to bomb insurgent camps and supply bases in countries contiguous to Portuguese Guinea whenever it is "deemed necessary" (see map).

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similar action would be taken as needed across Angolan borders. The Portuguese have mounted small-scale raids out of Angola in the past but have not used air power.

Portuguese officials in Mozambique have also held out the threat of possible strikes at rebel camps in neighboring Tanzania.

7. Ghana

Nkrumah's sudden move today in retiring Ghana's defense chief and his deputy effectively neutralizes the two as potential coup leaders. Both had been involved in coup plotting for several months but vacillated too long and gave Nkrumah the chance to act first.

8. Dominican Republic

Rebel extremists seem confident of their ability to set up one or more viable guerrilla bases in the interior despite past failures to do so.

These elements have been bringing selected personnel from rural areas into the rebel zone of Santo Domingo for guerrilla training courses. One such school reportedly has some 200 men in training.

The problem of keeping order in the rebel zone may be eased by Caamano's order, dated yesterday, closing all drinking establishments from six in the evening to ten the next morning.

9. Cuba

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